

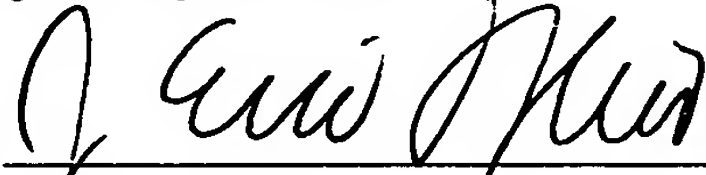
REMARKS

The subject case is a PCT application entering the US National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and Article 39(1)(a) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. The Specification has been amended to reference the PCT application and priority applications. The claims have been amended to be in proper format.

Claims 11-18 are pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully contend that the application is allowable and a favorable response from the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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